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SUBJECT: IRAN/IRAQ TRADE ACCUSATIONS ON BORDER BUILD-UP

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1. FOREIGN LANGUAGE IRANIAN PRESS AUGUST 27 FEATURED REUTERS REPORT FROM BAGHDAD THAT IRAQI GOVERNMENT HAD HANDED DIPLOMATIC NOTES TO ENVOYS THERE ALLEGING AN IRANINA MILITARY BUILD-UP ON BORDER. IRAQIS SAID TO HAVE ACCUSED IRAN OF ATTACKING A POLICE POST AT KHANAQIN, JUST SOUTH OF QASR SHIRIN, AND OF KILLING AN IRAQI SOLDIER IN A BORDER CONFRONTATION OVER WEEKEND. (THIS WAS PRESUMABLY AUGUST 23 EXCHANGE OF FIRE REPORTED REFTEL). ACCORDING TO STORY, OFFICIAL IRAQI POSITION WAS THAT IRAN WAS OBSTRUCTING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION MADE AFTER THE FEB-MARCH CLASHES ASKING BOTH COUNTRIES TO WITHDRAW FORCES FROM BORDER AREA.

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2. EDITORIALS BLASTED IRAQ FOR TRYING TO DISCREDIT IRAN WHILE NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY. TEHRAN JOURNAL ACCUSED IRAQ OF MASSING TROOPS AND CARRYING OUT AGGRESSIVE ACTS, AND COMMENTED THAT IRAQI PLOY TO GET IRAN TO WEAKEN ITS DEFENSES ALONG BORDER WOULD NOT SUCCEED. KAYHAN TERMED ISTANBUL TALKS A "COVER-UP FOR HOSTILE ACTS."

3. COMMENT: MOST OF RECENT BORDER VIOLATIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE SOUTH OF QASR SHIRIN AND ARE NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO IRAQI MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST THE KURDS.  
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